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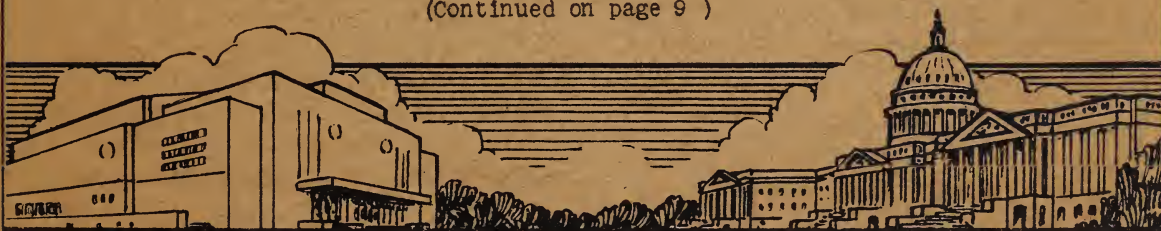
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PORTER L. GADDIS RETIRES FROM F.C.A.

Porter L. Gaddis, Chief of the Appraisal Subdivision of the Land Bank Division, commenced leave on August 19, prior to retirement from the FCA. He is a native of Nebraska, received his early education at Greenville College, Illinois, and the University of Nebraska, and later took post graduate courses in the University of Illinois and American University in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gaddis served for a number of years as Extension Specialist and Professor of Agronomy for the University of Nebraska and became associated with the Federal Farm Loan system in 1921 as a Land Bank Appraiser, assigned to the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank. Subsequently, he became chief appraiser in that bank and in 1930 was appointed assistant chief reviewing appraiser in the Central Office at Washington, D. C., later becoming chief of the Appraisal Subdivision and a member of the staff of the Land Bank Commissioner in charge of appraisal and bond collateral approval. The period from 1930 to date, while he has been with the Central Office, has been an unprecedented era in the field of land bank appraising, for during the peak of lending in 1933 and 1934 the Nation-wide appraisal force expanded from about 200 appraisers to 5,100. During this period also, there have been important changes with respect to bases of valuation and types of loans to which Mr. Gaddis made a major contribution. His work carried him to rural areas throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, and he has been widely recognized in the appraisal field.

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To conserve the Grapevine paper stock, please place your copies of the Grapevine in your out-box after you have finished reading it. Two hundred copies are needed for mailing to FCA men and women in the service.

TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

August 29
12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

Behind Nazi Guns

A film based on captured German motion pictures and revealing the inside story of Germany's industrial military power. William L. Shirer, noted journalist and author of "Berlin Diary," is the narrator of the film.

and
Bob Hope
in
Command Performance

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employees to Service:

Glen L. Burrington	John B. Plott
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News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr. (Y3c, 836 76 42 U.S.N., Hut #69 - Area II - T.T.U. - III, Camp Parks, California). I've been receiving my copies of the Grapevine, although they have been a little late in catching up with me each time.

The 89th Const. Batt., the replacement unit which I was in, was decommissioned early in July. Since I had received a good foundation in personnel work in the 89th, I was assigned to the personnel office for the Transient Training Unit of Station Force here at Camp Parks. We are to be sent to overseas posts soon, that is, most of us who haven't been out of the country yet.

I really enjoy the Grapevine. It helps keep us in touch with all of the activities back there.

Hope to receive mail from some of my fellow workers sometime soon.

Pvt. John K. Smith (ASN 37531075, Co. C, 147th Engineer (C) Bn., APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) I see you had your annual picnic. You ain't got nothin' on me. I started my picnic on June 6 and am still on it. We even had fireworks on ours. What did you have on yours? I'll bet you had more to eat and more time to eat it.

I received a letter from Dorothy Pepper the other day. She has been one of the faithful correspondents of the old gang.

It is time for foxy little Smitty to crawl in his foxhole. I hope to be back with the gang soon.

Lt. P. L. DiPierro (01544910, 16th Gen. Hosp., APO 526, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) This is one of those evenings when going out and doing the town doesn't help but rather to stay in, relax and recall all the pleasant hours enjoyed because of you people back home.

There have been letters with kind and cheerful words, packages with gifts and food of all kinds and most regular, the Grapevine. I have enjoyed each and every copy but none as much as the one of June 27th. It was grand to see and recognize the faces in the picture on page 11. And reading why the picture

was placed in the Grapevine prompts me to add that I have seen gallons of blood plasma brought into our hospital and put to good use.

Have been seeing something of England.

Will close with thanks and regards to all.

Lt. N. J. Margaritis (01304756, 503 Prcht. Inf., APO 704, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.) Mail is beginning to come through with increasing regularity and - you guessed it, the Grapevine and the General Files weekly letter are making their usual appearance.

I've already expressed my thanks to you all for the Grapevine but this is the first time I've been able to send a special "thanks" for the weekly letter from General Files.

Had a letter from a friend who quoted parts of a letter from Joe Slifka in Washington, D. C., who was formerly in the Credit Union office. Joe writes that Ted Grydyk has returned home on his first furlough in 3 years. Ted has been in Alaska, the Aleutians, Kodiak, and Sitka.

News is scarce from here as we are taking it easy for the present.

Lt. Col. H. H. Hendricks (Hdqtrs. Base Section No. 3, APO 689, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) I am happy to be out of India and associated with American

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Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Yvonne Meuers began her vacation with a first-flight trip to her home in Minnesota... Frances Lynn joined her husband in Oklahoma City for a week end...We think Vencil Ward, who arrived from Ft. Leavenworth for a surprise visit with his wife, Frances, really "does something" for that uniform...Miriam Lehman traveled to her home in the "windy city" of Chicago for a vacation...Pay Roll Office welcomes Ethel Peacher, a new FCA'er...Mollie Dubiner had dinner with a favorite boy friend, Crew Chief Sam Lambert, of Selman Field, La., who stopped in Kansas City for fuel while on a Proficiency Flight...Melba Cooper reports that her daughter is improving after a recent fall from the porch... News has been received by Clarice Andrews that her brother is back on active duty in France after recovery from wounds received the early part of July...Leona Holland week ended in Sarcoxie, Mo....Ruth Burris' mother visited her for a week...Via the telephone, Ardys Hagen learned that her husband, who is recovering from wounds received on D Day, had arrived in South Carolina and would be west shortly.

Cooperative. Dr. Joseph Knapp of CR&S arrived from Washington for a visit... Hester Eads has returned from a vacation

at her home near Kansas City...On detail in the division is Rosalie Mountjoy from Stenographic Section and Irene Rowley from Mortgage Corporation Service Division.

Economic & Credit Research. Frances Young is vacationing in Iowa...Greetings were received from Betty Spivey Lockhart from Hondo, Tex., who recently left FCA in favor of matrimony...R. J. Silkett is relaxing on a week's vacation...Lois Hill departed for Seattle, Wash., for a few months' stay with her husband who is stationed there...L. C. Halvorson reports an enjoyable vacation in Minnesota...M. P. Planting has returned from an eastern holiday trip.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Regional Manager John Ashford from Omaha arrived for a visit...A welcome hand is extended to Mildred Talbot who comes from Savannah, Mo....Pvt. Ruth Clark of the WAC's dropped over from St. Joe, Mo., to say hello.

Examination. With the return of George Bartlett and George Olson from extended field trips, the division is once more in its entirety...Lorraine Dahlin says hello from Washington, D. C., to former co-workers...Dorothy Mack's sister, Mrs. R. W. Winter, with Mr. Winter and small son, Nickie, stopped for a short visit en route to a new home in Pasco, Wash....Two new members of the division are welcomed: Dorothy O'Bryan from Tennessee and Mary Jane Hansen from Iowa.

Finance.& Accounts. Nancy Beatty has

returned to her desk after a recent illness...Olga Markham visited her parents in Adrian, Mo., on a week end... Pauline Bain received a hand carved ivory letter opener from her soldier brother serving with the Signal Corps in Calcutta, India...A recent surprise guest of Peggy Lowe was her mother, Mrs. Martha Lowe, of Erie, Kans.... Margaret Meunier is vacationing at "home in Indiana."...Typing Unit welcomes Mrs. Marguerite Morris, a new employee...He was in, he was out, now he's in again - Morrill Murphy, after completing the now familiar routine of reporting to the fort in Kansas, is making plans to reenter the Army...Jimmy Pitts has returned from a vacation in Austin and Fort Worth, Tex.

General Files. Eulalee Collins has returned refreshed from a Colorado vacation with her sister and family, telling of visits to Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, and Estes Park...Her fiancée's silver wings are proudly sported by Jean Ware...Anna Messenger has returned from a vacation in the "sportsman's paradise" State of Minnesota where she enjoyed boating, swimming, and fishing...Two new employees are welcomed, Edra Gough, and Nora Michaelson...Mary Freeze, who plans to be wed in the near future to a member of Uncle Sam's seabees, was surprised by a shower given by feminine co-workers at the home of Geraldine Williams.

Governor's Office. Harvey Miller will begin a 2 weeks' relaxing vacation at home in Kansas City...Jeanette Paetzer is "furloughing" with her sergeant-husband, Bill, in Louisiana.

Information & Extension. Roberta Hendee is presently serving as assistant organist at the Grand Avenue Temple... Violet Hardin was surprised by a short visit from her brother, Lt. E. E. Biggs, who was piloting a plane from his base at Minter Field, Calif.

Intermediate Credit. George Brennan has returned from a 5 weeks' business trip to the West Coast...Jewell Hill's sister, Mrs. Wm. E. Bensen, and daughter, Sharon, of Cowdrey, Colo., dropped in for a surprise visit with her... Official business took J. T. Walker, Jr., to Washington and New York for a week the early part of August.

Land Bank. Contact Committee Representative Arlene Donason announces that the division now has 100 percent membership in the Club for 1945...Orella Yeager and family, with bag and baggage in a trailer, departed for the Capitol City on August 15...The winsome lass who left "mommy," Mrs. Gunrie Lazarus, talking with her former boss, Commissioner Rhea, and independently visited other offices of the division was 1-year old Karen Lazarus...Dixie Donelson week ended at her home in Bethany, Mo. ...A recent visitor in Carl Colvin's office was Capt. Samuel Tood, former asst. treas. of the FLB of Columbia... Floyd Prentice vacationed at his home to enjoy a visit with his son who was on furlough...Fred Hanscom departed for a week of business and pleasure in D.C.

Library. Librarians were guests of Juanita Akers at Lake Tapawingo last

Thursday, enjoying swimming, boating, and picnicking.

Mail. Members of the section with Vise'ers celebrated Gerry Beauchamp's birthday on August 17 with a cake with frosty icing. June Foster is presently on detail in General Files Section while Bob Drescher has returned from an assignment in that section...Leland Crofford is visiting at his home in Butler, Mo.... A welcome is extended to Edith Feighner, a new messenger...Betty Higgins attended the wedding of her roommate in Kansas City on August 12...A box of cookies was presented to our expert package wrappers by an appreciative "customer."

Mortgage Corporation Service. Jack Fowler is traveling the Washington road to accept a position with RFC...Jacob Heffter arrived from the FLB of St. Paul on a special assignment...Bill Watt keeps telling us of a "big" one that got away and was his face red - from a sunburn received on a 3-days' fishing trip.

Personnel. An interesting visitor in the division was Mrs. Farrell, the Australian bride of a serviceman, who had become acquainted with several FCA'ers while stopping in Kansas City on her way to Alabama...Office duties were interrupted while members of the division celebrated with cake and coffee three August birthdays, Ruth Biggerstaff's on the 12th, Carietta Rech's on the 19th, and Mary Lee Vincent's on the 21st...A recent guest of Betty Taylor, who incidentally wears a brand new "GI" haircut, was her brother, Donald, of

Maryville, Mo....Peonie Burger from Personnel Files Unit is a new member of Classification Unit...It's a Colorado vacation for Phyllis Windrum...Corrine Matter has returned to the office, plus a strange, deep voice as evidence of her recent illness...Recent office changes include Rosemary Dawes to Employee Relations Unit and Marie Wassenberg to Placement Unit.

Production Credit. We await the return of Art Esgate and Paul Fankhauser and families from vacation fishing in the Ozarks to hear the success of their catfish bait, which is reported to be so potent that when the lid of the can is removed the buzzards circle overhead...Commissioner C. R. Arnold's lieutenant son, Robert, of Camp Maxey, Tex., is spending a 15 days' leave at home...Ken Scott is back at his desk after a recent illness and reports the doctor didn't take away his pipe and tobacco after all...Yeoman 3/C Margaret Frew of Great Lakes, while visiting her sister of the WAC's in Kansas City, dropped in to say hello...The handiwork of Cpl. Gil Lagergren of England, exhibited by his wife, Lorraine, consisting of miniature models of the C47 transport plane and the Thunderbolt fighter plane, was enjoyed by the office...An anonymous source reveals that Don Russell is busily engaged in cleaning house and washing dishes because of the expected return of his family from a summer vacation in New York...J. F. McAdam is making an extended field trip through the Berkeley and Spokane districts..Mrs. Rolland Mars,

en route to Norfolk, Va., stopped in to say hello for Rolland who is now in Hawaii...It is reported that Don Warburton is showing improvement on the tennis courts of the Plaza...We keep wondering if Homer Smith has been able to reassemble the tricycle which he and some friends took apart to paint for his small daughter...The office anxiously awaits the results of Tom Vanderburg's early anticipated hunting trips in Kansas...Madeline Brockman week ended in Junction City, Kans....Victory gardeners of the division are keeping their secretaries healthy with products of their labors...Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Want and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones will head for the YMCA camp near Elmdale, Kans., with three boys, Fulton, Jr., and Elliotte Want and Russell Hemstreet, son of V. V. Hemstreet. En route Mr. and Mrs. Jones will stop to visit relatives in Lebo, Kans.

Purchase. Flo Elfert journeyed to St. Louis for a week end...A lieutenant from Spokane, Wash., was a recent guest of Mary Harris...Mary Feeley, with Arlene Donason, week ended in Chillicothe, Mo.

Regional Agricultural Credit. Bernita Noland is vacationing in Denver...Ruth Hibbs is able to be up following an operation several weeks ago.

Revolving Fund. Louise Riordan week ended at her home in Solomon, Kans.

Solicitor's Office. E. Anthony made contact with the office returning from

a business trip to Washington and en route to attend an Attorneys' Conference in Denver...Mabel Peterson spent a week's vacation enjoying the parks of Kansas City with her two children...Clair Kintz vacationed at Lake Okobogi, Iowa, one of the high lights of his trip being a visit with his brother-in-law, a Naval doctor, who had just returned from 2 years of service in the Pacific area...An outdoor vacation at Bean Lake, Mo., was spent by Nora and Cyril Kehres.

Tabulating. After receiving explicit telephone "orders" from her lonesome sailor boy friend, Norma Jeanne Talkington dashed to Chicago to meet him on a week end...Gertrude Bukaty journeyed to Louisiana to spend a vacation with relatives in the Mardi Gras city...After 2 exciting weeks with her best beau, who stopped in Kansas City en route from California to Midshipman's School in Asbury Park, N. J., Jeanne Gross is getting some good nights' sleep...An adventure in the sky with CAP Pilot Kenneth Lowe, former FCA'er, was described by Pauline Norton as being "just like my first ride in a baby buggy."

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

While Bill Moore was in from KC a get-together luncheon was held at the Ebbit Hotel - those present were the guest of honor - Mr. Moore himself - Mary Mathis, Phil Mayer, Dayton Hull, Grace McGuire, and your reporter went along to record the happenings!...

C. A. Johnson also dropped in to say hello to us the other day...Tillie Hurray has been in Washington- en route to her home in Ohio...Dick Kaufmann will make our office his headquarters while doing some checking up here - or shall we call it inventory? John S. Kennedy also was here for a very brief visit.

We are happy to have a new draftsman (woman rather) in the person of Mrs. Dorothy Waas Smith - formerly of WPB. Our summer vacationists include Anna Erb, Jeanne Franklin, Bea Dragon, J. K. Samuels, Larry Mann, and yours truly who is going to take a week off and just eat, sleep, and dip in ye ocean at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, with Ruthie Mitchell and Mary Epps; say wouldn't you middle westerners like a swim in the ocean right now?

ATTENTION! SERVICE FOLKS!

One of our FCA servicemen in Italy writes as follows: "I'm buying war bonds but feel that I should have some money besides this in a readily available cash reserve when I come out of the war. Is it possible for a serviceman to put money in the FCA Credit Union while in the service?"

The answer is "Yes." The FCA Employees Federal Credit Union will be glad to have its men and women members in the service invest any savings, not used to purchase War Bonds, in shares of the Credit Union. Shares owned by any one member cannot exceed \$1,500 or \$3,000

if he has a joint membership. The amount of any one purchase is not limited if it does not exceed these limitations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

If you happened in at 1101B on August 23, 1944, between 12:00 and 2:00 you were aware of a certain specialness about it that to the casual observer defied definition. Business, or rather fun, as usual did not exactly characterize the place. The reason is, dear fellow Club members, that the Clubroom was quietly celebrating the first anniversary of its existence.

Yes, and you could tell our favorite rendezvous was definitely in a "dancing-up-and-down" mood, but located as it is so near FCA business activity its own must be subdued. The only whoop-te-do was in the heart of it. The feeling escaped somewhat, however, and prevailed the atmosphere. Sixty-five people came and went; they read, chatted, played. They ate 36 lunches, gulped down the average 60 bottles of pop, and wrote a letter or two; all the time they felt just wonderful but did not realize they were at a birthday party.

In a very "Happy Birthday" frame of mind, I rushed in to proclaim the joyful fact, but everybody was so engrossed in his own particular brand of fun that I thought better of it.

There was Paul Rapp comfortably ensconced in a bright yellow leather chair seriously perusing the NEW YORK TIMES book

reviews, but of course! What else if not one of the classics? And Inez Barber appearing briefly to return "I Never Left Home" and then leaving. I joined the book browsers among whom I discovered Bernice Meuers, Abe Goldman, and Elsie Prevo, while snatches of a fluent Spanish conversation drifted my way. Just as I moved over to catch a few words I became aware of a stir in the card room - "You got high Jack!"... "My first bid..." "What do I have?"... "He got three - I got five." "Anybody got six?"... "Pass..." "I think I'm going to have to declare..." "I declare!"...

Well, I declare myself - what a game! It looked as if the party had got itself in full swing. As I left, I caught a glimpse of the Governors looking benignly down from the beautiful pale green walls. Clubroom, you stand approved. Congratulations, and many happy returns of this day!

**P.S. - As we go to press, we are reminded of the small beginnings of a nameless foundling. On August 26, 1942, was bravely launched on troubled waters of homesickness and longing, a publication destined for a happy and successful future. The tendrils of the GRAPEVINE reaching out have found firm bases on which to cling, and its resultant fruitfulness has had no little part in strengthening the ties that bind us. We repeat our good wishes! (P.Norton)

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A War Bond is the seal
of a faith well kept

PORTER L. GADDIS RETIRES FROM FCA (Continued from page 1)

It is with a feeling of regret that his many friends throughout the system learn of his retirement from the FCA and they extend to him best wishes for the future. (JMM)

At a dinner honoring Mr. Gaddis at the Bellerive Hotel on August 18, attended by members of his office staff and their wives, together with three reviewing appraisers from the field, he was presented with a Lord Elgin wrist watch. Coincidentally, it was the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis, and this was recognized by the presentation to Mrs. Gaddis of an antique candelabra and a corsage. Mr. Gaddis was also given a book containing the autographs of all members of the Central Office appraisal staff stationed in Kansas City and in the field.

Subscriptions to the GRAPEVINE expire too - so if you have paid Miss Letman for a subscription for a relative or friend not in FCA will you please check with her to renew the subscription and thus eliminate an embarrassing "Your subscription expires with this issue" notice from being inserted with the final copy? To date the GRAPEVINE is distributed to 44 nonmember paid subscribers.

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Courtesy is one habit that never goes out of style.

THE MAGIC BEAN

(Continued from issue of August 9)

In this country, oil crushed from the beans goes into salad oils, oleomargarine, cooking fats, and other foods rich in energy and fat. After the oil is crushed out, the meal remaining is used for flour, breakfast foods, macaroni, infant foods, crackers, and a whole new line of foods rich in proteins, vitamins, minerals. The meal also is used as high-protein feed for livestock.

Then again the oil has wartime uses as paints and varnishes to protect ships, tanks, planes, and guns. It goes to make soap and glycerine. From glycerine are made explosives to blast the enemy.

Soybean meal is turned to a different use in making of plastics, glue, casein, celluloid substitutes, and other similar products. Plastics offer great possibilities in industrial uses. Plastic helmets, grips for pistols and handles for guns are but a few items being made from soybean plastic. Parts for airplanes and many other war weapons can be traced back to the farmer's bean field. The war plant worker is thankful for plastic ear stoppers that cut out nerve-wracking machinery noises.

A vegetable glue made from soybean meal is equal in sticking power to animal glues. It is used in boats, planes, and has other war uses. The oil is used in making linoleum, oil cloth, medicine, printing ink, and synthetic rubber. Many

parts for planes, tanks and other war machines use this synthetic rubber, and it is finding increased use on the home front.

Soon we may be wearing clothes made of soybeans. A soft wool-like cloth, costing about half the price of materials made from sheep's wool, has been developed. In a wool shortage clothes from soybean fiber might be entirely satisfactory. (M.P.)

GOOD TROUPERS

Not to be outdone by Hollywood luminaries, the Farm Credit Choral Club gave two concerts in one evening, one at Fort Leavenworth Hospital and the other at Wadsworth Hospital.

Wednesday, at 5:30 at the close of office hours, the group, 17 strong, gathered together at the 13th Street entrance of the Municipal Auditorium. Three Red Cross station wagons made up the convoy that provided transportation to Fort Leavenworth.

The temperamental diva of the evening was the second car in the line-up. It refused to budge for some time, but with considerable coaxing it finally gave in. A second tantrum occurred at the entrance to the fort. The rest of the convoy went ahead to unload its passengers, one car to return and pick up the remainder of the group.

No sooner were they out of sight than the engine began to purr as if stalling was furthest from its thoughts. The driver asked some soldiers loitering interestedly on the curb the direction to

Fort Leavenworth Hospital. But evidently they confused right with left because we did not find the hospital. We decided to go back toward the spot where we had stalled. The convoy car was sighted coming back for us after a short wait and led us to the hospital.

An eager audience waited for the group in the small auditorium, young soldiers, pajama clad, some with casts, and some in wheelchairs.

When the green and gold curtain parted, Waverly Haynes as director and master of ceremonies introduced the group. "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," the first number was enthusiastically applauded as was every selection thereafter. The boys accompanied with an undertone of humming and tapping time, and occasionally with words of the songs with which they were familiar. One soldier kept time by tapping on the cast on his leg.

Ruth McMann, our colorful dramatic soprano, gave a beautiful rendition of "All Through the Night."

Mildred Schmeltz, who is shortly leaving Farm Credit to pursue voice study at St. Mary's, gave promise of a brilliant vocal future in her presentation of "Kerry Dance" and "My Hero."

The unsated audience loudly insisted that Cecelia DiCanzio play an encore on the piano. Such enthusiasm almost overwhelmed Cecilia. She introduced her encore, "Star Dust," with the words, "I'm scared." But that didn't prevent her from performing with her usual brilliance.

Especially lovely was "When Day is Done" sung by the group.

Mary Jane Sullivan's blues voice wound itself around "It Could Happen to You." Her deep notes had heart throb in them.

Waverly Haynes sang the obligato with "America the Beautiful" in a masterly fashion, rounding out the successful performance of the choral group.

After numerous encores and invitations for return, the group led by Mr. Whiffen, the Red Cross representative, drove to Wadsworth Hospital. Here were patients, veterans of World War I and II and some Spanish-American veterans, all music lovers, who gave the girls a warm welcome. Their previous success was repeated.

The same program was given here with the exceptions that for her second number Mildred Schmeltz sang "Mussetta's Valse Song" from La Boheme. Her coquettish Mussetta, the flirt, in this song delighted her hearers.

Cecelia DiCanzio played "Tonight We Love" for an encore and Mary Jane Sullivan sang "You'll Never Know" as her second solo.

Mildred Schmeltz and Waverly Haynes sang a duet, "I'll See You Again" and the choral group: "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Sweet and Low," "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," "Carolina Moon," "On Wings of Music," "What Does A Soldier Dream Of," "When Day is Done," "Shout I'm An American," and "America

The Beautiful." The accompanist was Vivian Anderson.

After the performance the "troupers" were served a snack in the mess hall at Wadsworth Hospital. It was after 10 o'clock before the group was settled in the cars and the Red Cross drivers, Dorothy Owens, Violet Hardin, and Alma Franklin, also Farm Credit employees, were ready to drive back to Kansas City.

Meet your Farm Credit Choral Club:

Elma Muller	Vivian Anderson
Dorothy Owens	Eula Lee Collins
Jean Suter	Cecelia DiCanzio
Dorothy Mack	Aline Foster
Mary Nolz	Virginia Paine
Hester Waters	Doris Schmeltz
Helen Brecheisen	Mildred Schmeltz
Mary Jane Sullivan	Ruth McMann
Waverly Haynes, Director	

Guests of the group were Julia Connor, Farm Credit Club President, Kathleen Thomas, and Delta Vaughn (in spirit).

(IJB)

PETER AND THE WOLF FEATURES RECORD CONCERT

Next Wednesday's concert of recorded music will feature the Club's latest acquisition to the library, "Peter and the Wolf," by Serge Prokofieff. The composer calls this composition a symphonic tale for children, but critics have called it a masterpiece with a universal appeal to adults as well as to children. It is designed to teach listeners how to recognize the instru-

ments of the orchestra, each character being represented by an instrument or group of instruments. A narrator tells the story to the accompaniment of the music or between episodes. The Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky plays the music and Richard Hale narrates the story.

All music lovers should make a date with themselves to attend the first performance of "Peter and the Wolf" on August 30 in room 1345E from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. As an added attraction, the Women's Choral Group will favor us again with several selections from their repertory.

BETWEEN THE AMERICAS

Ox carts with oxen plowing and a widespread use of airplanes are unique features of Honduras, linking the old with the new, portrayed in the talk and slides shown by Emilio Pinel to FCA employees on Monday, August 14.

Mr. Pinel, who will shortly become Director of Agriculture in Honduras, has been in this country for seven months studying our agriculture. In sharp contrast to our large farms most Honduras farmers operate on a small acreage. An 8-acre tract is sufficient for a farmer because with irrigation he can raise three crops of corn, five of beans, and two of rice in a year. Farmers also raise bananas, a million bunches a month coming to the United States, and some citrus fruits.

Yet many of our agricultural problems are similar. Tenancy is one of these. A program patterned after that of the United States, of assisting farmers to become farm owners is being undertaken. The government is selling the land to the farmers. Payments will be amortized over a period of 20 years.

Patterned along American lines also are the plans for cooperative marketing organizations and other cooperative endeavors.

The source of our future rubber supply is being developed in Honduras. The largest rubber tree nursery in the world operates there. It was established with the aid of the United States Government. Trees are going to nearby countries such as Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rico, and Venezuela.

Honduras' beautiful sunsets; its lakes; surrounded by mountains "where men make roads because equipment won't work;" its lions and tigers; its cocoanut trees; its papaya trees; its flower vendors; wine "which makes you walk backwards;" the mules and milk cans; all point toward a country unexplored by tourists. When to make a visit might be a question. Some 75 inches of rain, sometimes 3 inches in an hour, falls during the 6 months' rainy season which is followed by 6 months of drought.

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To err is human; to keep it up is foolish.

SPORTLIGHT (Continued from page 20)

Kraus 2; Uhlenhop-Murphy 6 - Burkett-Gray 0. The Uhlenhop-Murphy combination have pretty well cinched Flight A, however, 2 other teams have a mathematical chance of overhauling this power-packed duo. The Moore-Snow vs. Howard-Light match is rapidly shaping up as the deciding issue for Flight B honors.

FCA WOMEN'S GOLF

Sylvia Mehaffy advanced through the semifinal round of the championship flight by defeating Delta Vaughn 1 up. Never has there been such a level-pressured battle for the grand finale as this match displayed! This was the first time these 2 golfers have met in competition as always before they have played as partners, and so evenly hand-capped were they that there was a difference of only 2 strokes, in Mehaffy's favor. At the end of the fifth hole, the score was even up with Vaughn taking the sixth and Mehaffy snatching the remaining 3, giving her a margin of 2 at the end of the first nine. A slight wind storm made a brief rest period possible before continuing the fight, which was partly played in rain. Play on the second nine never once gave either opponent a chance to breathe normally as the score was tied at the end of the 12th, 14th, 16th, and 18th holes. Vaughn was 1 up at the 17th and no doubt had visions of a victory by either taking or tying the score on the 18th. If this were so, her hopes were not lessened by the time she had sunk

her last putt, making a total score of 6 for the hole, with Mehaffy's ball lying an easy 12 feet from the cup - Vaughn sat down on her golf bag at the edge of the green to watch the finish which proved her finis as Mehaffy sank the putt, giving her a score of 5. It was then necessary to play No. 1 again which ended in a victory for Mehaffy who will compete for the trophy with Eileen Hague. Alma Franklin tumbled out of competition for the trophy as she was ousted by Eileen Hague 1 up. Franklin offers an alibi of "not being on her game" on the first nine but even being on would no doubt have demanded her best shooting against Hague's 49. Eileen had a 3-up lead at the ninth and thirteenth holes when Franklin came forth, winning the next 2 successive holes, giving her a net 1 at the end of the 16th. Eileen took the 16th, her opponent the 17th, and a tie on the 18th made Hague the winner.

In the consolation flight, Helen McCabe and Beulah Watson were both shooting their best golf and were neck and neck all the way. When the eighteenth hole had been played, each had won 7 so it was necessary to play the first hole again. Both had the same number of strokes on this hole but Helen, with a 1-stroke advantage in the handicap, took the match, 1 up. Irene McCollom and Pearl Ferguson played their match in one of the days when the mercury was over the 100-degree mark but both did very well in spite of the heat. It was a close contest but Irene emerged the

winner, 2-1. Eloise Moss took 6 of the first 9 holes but then Mary Lee Vincent settled down and allowed her to take only 3 of the last 9 so that the game ended 4-3 in favor of Eloise.

NOTICE! ! WOMEN BOWLERS

All women who are interested in bowling in the FCA League this season, please notify Helen McCabe, Room 2260-H, before 5:30, Wednesday, August 30. The League will bowl on Thursday nights at 6:30 at the Plaza Bowl.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

Did you discover for the first time on August 15 that there actually are Farm Credit offices on the fourth floor of the Municipal Auditorium? Many employees did. But more important than that, all of us found our new Governor a man of charm and understanding. For some of us also it was the first opportunity to become personally acquainted with Deputy Governor Wells and the four Commissioners. The "open house" held by the Governor was very enjoyable in many ways but particularly because it brought a realization that the top officials of the Farm Credit Administration are "just folks" the same as the rest of us.

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"I have a pain in my abdomen," the recruit told the Army doctor.
"Young man," the doctor replied, "officers have abdomens. Sergeants have stomachs. You have a bellyache."

SERVICE NEW'S
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troops again and I would not trade places with you for all the tea in China, India, or Assam. But, oh! Boy! how I could go for a cold drink of water or milk. We have plenty of water as this section of the country is noted for the heaviest rainfall in the world - and also has the dubious distinction of being the worst malaria area. However, our troops are busily engaged in eradicating all types of vermin from this jungle. Only yesterday a few prisoners were brought back for interrogation before being transported to a permanent stockade. They are a sullen lot and appear to be expecting a fate similar to that accorded to our airmen who are so unfortunate to land in their country..

My basha, quarters to you; is one of the most modern in camp as it is newly constructed, the one that formerly occupied its space having been blown down during a heavy wind. It is one big room constructed entirely of spliced bamboo and a thatched roof which is supposed to but does not keep out the rain, so there is always a losing fight being waged to keep self and clothing dry. Old man mildew gradually eeks out a victory.

There is no time for recreation, if there were any to be had, for I am averaging about 12 hours a day, 7 days a week spending nearly two million of Uncle Sugar's money a month - and those evenings that I don't crawl under my

mosquito net as soon as I return to quarters are spent in writing letters by candlelight or playing gin rummy. I am going to have to move from here now as the rain has discovered a new place to come through the roof. This is definitely not a place to choose for a vacation, but it will not be a permanent residence as I am now planning to move my office forward where it will not be neccary to air drop or fly the lucre to the various organizations.

.....I never realized until I was able to see with my own eyes just how much the blood plasma is needed and how valuable a life saver it is.

Friends of former Farm Credit Examiner, Major H. Frank McKenzie, will be interested to know that he has been named Chief of the Army Exchange Branch of the First Service Command in Boston, Massachusetts. Major McKenzie was assigned to the office of the Army Exchange Branch as one of its personnel after his graduation from Ft. Meade, Md., Army Exchange School in 1942.

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Change your directory, or add to it)

Cpl. John H. Barber
37493650 - Sec. F
224th AAF Base Unit
Sioux City, Iowa

Lt. Ira C. Castles
Base Statistical
Office
Army Air Field
Grand Island, Nebr.

PFC Robert F. Garst
701st AAF Base Unit
Sec. A
Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio

Cpl. S. P. Hopkins
37209141
Co. #23, 1st Reg.
Ft. Warren, Wyoming

Pvt. Herman Jukofsky
37525178
Co. E 262nd Inf.
APO 454 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Lt.(j.g.) Charles N.
Lane
Sec. 66
Room 70, Patton Hall
U.S. Naval Tn. School
Princeton, New Jersey

Donald G. Skow, Tec/5
37499329
Separation Center
S.C.U. 3492
Fort McPherson, Ga.

Sgt. Ernest G. Thomas
37381066
Casual Sqdn. A -1
APO 16414-A
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

CLUB LIBRARY HAS OUTSTANDING NOVELS

In its anniversary issue of August 5 the Saturday Review of Literature announced the result of a poll among its contributors on the leading American novelists and novels of the last 20 years. Ernest Hemingway won hands down as the leading novelist with Ellen Glasgow second, John Dos Passos third, Sinclair Lewis fourth, Thomas Wolfe fifth, Willa Cather sixth, and Theodore Dreiser seventh. John Steinbeck, William Faulkner, Majorie Rawlings, and Kenneth Roberts were tied for eighth place.

Sinclair Lewis's "Arrowsmith" was chosen as the outstanding novel, with Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms" a close second. Dos Passos's "U.S.A." was third, Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" fourth, and Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" fifth. Members may borrow these books from the Club library without charge for the first 3 days and 2 cents a day thereafter.

CLUBROOM NOTES

The Farm Credit Club Library has recently received the following new books:

Intrigue For Empire by Kathleen Moore Knight

Great Tales of Terror and the Supernatural by Fraser and Wise

Bride's Castle by P. W. Wilson

Rim of the Pit by Hake Talbot

America Unlimited by Eric Johnston

I Never Left Home by Bob Hope

Marion Alive by Vickie Baum

A Basic History of the United States by

Charles A. Beard and Mary R. Beard

The Book of the Dead by Elizabeth Daly

JOIN THE FUN!

Another big breakfast on Sunday, September 3, in Loose Park will end the summer activities of the Farm Credit hiking group. The regular schedule of hikes will begin in September. Everyone is invited to join the group at 8:00 a.m., Sunday. All you have to do is to register with Mrs. Buchanan in room 1414 and pay 35 cents for the cost of the breakfast.

Loose Park may be reached by taking the Broadway-Wornall bus or the Main Street car to 51st Street. Buses run every 17 minutes and cars every 8 minutes on Sunday mornings.

OUR HATS OFF TO MR. HARRY SHENKER

The Art Class wishes to express its appreciation of the tireless efforts of Mr. Shenker and of his loyalty during the past year.

He has led us from the early Spanish painters, through Italy, France, and

to the present day Modern painters.

We want to thank Mr. Shenker for his patience with us. We were all beginners and he has given us enlightenment as to the appreciation of color, not only where paintings are concerned but in the use of color in our homes, in our clothes, and color we had not previously seen in nature. He has never failed to carefully correct our efforts in making pictures and to encourage us to try again.

Thank you Mr. Shenker.

"The Art Class"

At the regular August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Club an Editorial Board consisting of Mrs. Deane Ruth, Miss Lucille Achauer, and Mr. J. M. Munroe was appointed to assist the Editor in matters relating to editorial policy.

Printed travel literature on the Ozark region and other resorts in the vicinity of Kansas City may be obtained from Miss Day, Room 2215, who was recently appointed chairman of the Vacation Information subcommittee of the Educational Committee. (Z.A.)

Mr. C. R. Orchard, Director of the Federal Credit Union Section, which was formerly a part of the Farm Credit

Administration, celebrated his 10th anniversary as director of the section on August 20, 1944. His friends and associates gave a dinner in his honor at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

In the 10 years almost 4,000 Federal credit unions have been organized. The approximately 1,300,000 members have accumulated about \$110,000,000 in share deposits, and have received loans amounting to almost \$300,000,000.

Not that we want to pat ourselves on the back, but did you notice the encouraging publicity the Farm Credit Club and the GRAPEVINE received in USDA for August 7, 1944?

Good work, Contact Committee! We already have more than 95 percent membership in the Club.....now, how about that other 5 percent???

WAR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee in charge of sending Christmas packages to our servicemen and women has already met to make plans for the Club's gifts. Mrs. Fleming is chairman of the committee and is assisted by Mrs. Ruth, Gardner Walker, and R. H. Cawood. It is important that currently correct addresses be available, therefore please notify Miss Lehman of any changes or additions which come to your attention.

FARM CREDIT CLUB
ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Already 75 questionnaires have been completed and returned to the committee who will tabulate the results and make the information available to the committees in charge of the various activities in which members are interested.

\$5.30 was collected and sent to the War Prisoners' Relief Fund in response to a request by the American Legion.

PEACHES ORDERED

The special shipment of peaches, for which orders were placed through the Club at \$4.50 a bushel, is expected September 1. Additional orders may still be made with Miss Lehman.

Last minute change of address:
Ruby B. Young, S 2/c
Naval Training School, (Y-W) #8950
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Additional Library News:

Ruth Polson is vacationing in Wichita, Kansas. Phoebe Norton is a first-time aunt - a nephew arrived in Canton, Illinois

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Most people accomplish so very little because they attempt so little.

The tightwad, out of town on his wife's birthday, sent her a check for a million kisses as a present.

The wife, a little annoyed at his thrift, sent back a postcard: "Dear Jim: Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning."

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Guide: "This castle has stood for six hundred years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced."

Visitor: "Um, they must have the same landlord we have."

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Bones: I understand your wife is a finished singer.

Jones: No, not yet. But the neighbors almost got her last night.

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A clerk was helping an old negro fill out application papers for a civil service janitor job. The clerk would write down the answers after having read off the questions.

"Do you belong," asked the clerk, "to the Nazi Bund, or to any political party that plans to overthrow the Government?" "Yas'm," said the negro.

"Which one?" asked the clerk, taken aback by the applicant's placid candor. "The Republican," was the earnest reply.

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BACK THE ATTACK - BUY MORE BONDS



Sportlight



FCA MEN'S SOFTBALL AUGUST 10, 1944

The boys from FCA continued their winning streak by defeating the Quarter-master gang 13 to 2. This was the third game in the second half of their schedule, all of which have been won by a good margin.

A couple of changes were necessary in the infield line-up, due to the absence of that "flashy" shortstop, Andy Morrison. Murphy shifted from second base to shortstop position, and Peterman filled in on second. Hein, Drescher, Beauchamp, and Yorkdale completed the infield lineup.

Beauchamp allowed the opponents only 6 hits, while the FCA gang chalked up 11.

Reed led the hitting by getting three hits in three times at bat, one of which was a three-base hit in the fifth inning at a time when the bases were loaded. In the third inning with the score tied one and one and a man on every base, Murphy stepped up to the plate and planted one deep in the field for a home run making the score 5 to 1.

Reeker claims he is fielding a thousand in center field. Maybe there's a reason;

we don't recall having seen any balls knocked into center field in the last three games.

August 17, 1944. The gang from FCA chalked up another victory by winning from Commodity Credit by a 13-to-7 score.

FCA got off to a good start in the first inning when Morrison brought in two runs ahead of him with the only homer of the game.

Commodity Credit got 1 run in the first inning, 4 in the third, and 2 in the fifth. Farm Credit got 3 in the first and 1 in the third which left them holding the small end of a 7-to-4 score when they came to bat in their half of the sixth inning. Realizing it was time for a rally, the boys all took their turns at hitting the ball and 14 batters faced the opposing pitcher in this one inning bringing in a total of 9 scores, Peterman and Reeker getting two hits each during the inning. The team was very ably assisted by the cheering section, which, led by Gordon Van Leer, did a very good job of "razzing" the opposing pitcher.

Drescher led the hitting by getting three hits in three times at bat, while Eufinger, Morrison, and Peterman each got three hits in four times at bat.

Many new faces appeared in our cheering section, including Art Hemstreet and Kenneth Light from F&A, John Francis, Van Leer, and Johnson from Personnel.

Division. Marion Murphy, Kitty Donnelly, Mary Jane McGee, and Hervy Veazey were also present on the Spectators bench.

Reeker informed us after the game that he was still fielding a thousand in center field. Before the end of the season, we hope to see someone knock a ball into center field that we may all witness Reeker in action!

BOWLERS WANTED

If you are interested in bowling, please contact Andy Morrison, Ext. 316, at once as the FCA Men's Bowling League needs enough bowlers to make up 2 teams for an 8-team league. The league games will be bowled, provided the 8 teams can be organized, on Thursday nights at 6:30, starting September 7, 1944.

FCA GIRLS' SOFTBALL

August 10: The "Flycatchers" were victorious, copping their second game from the big, bad "Tigers," which places them one game behind the leaders. Up to and including the last half of the sixth inning, the game was closely contested but the steady pitching of Nilson, the team's clutch hitting, and the will to win were the deciding factors in the "Flycatchers" favor. B. Nilson went the distance for the "Flycatchers" and made 6 hits to help her own cause while Vaughn pounded out 5 and Blyholder 4. For the losers, Palmer and Hague garnered three hits each and also scored a like number of runs. Y. Meuers' pitching is still the "high light" of the season and it is reported she is still in good

condition for the remaining games. So bring yourself, the kiddies and lunch basket and enjoy an evening of thrills and entertainment each Thursday evening at 47th and Woodland at 7 o'clock.

August 17: The "Tigers" and the "Flycatchers" race is tighter than a New Year's Eve party. Nilson, star pitcher for the "Flycatchers" turned the wrench that tightened the series and brought a second successive victory to the "Flycatchers," thus tying the two teams at the end of 6 games played. Franklin of the victors wielded the heavy bat, getting 5 hits, closely followed by Working who hit safely 4 times. Gregory and B. Meuers drew praise for their skill in handling the ball. Y. Meuers led the scoring for her "Tigers" while Palmer and Hague handed their team plenty of assistance, tying for second place scoring 2 runs each. Lowe proved her baseball ability by making 4 beautiful catches of flyballs and is now branded the "Tigers" "All Star" fielder. Y. Meuers indicated her first-string line-up is still subject to change and this week will bring a showdown in the battle for positions. With 3 games remaining the spectators will see plenty of action. Thanks for your grand job of umpiring and we do mean you, Ben Russell.

MEN'S GOLF

Recent matches played in the FCA 2-man team golf tournament resulted in the following scores: Holmes-Kraus 4 - Menk-Lindsey 2; Burkett-Gray 4 - Holmes-
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